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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 56, applicant is aware of the publication listed in the enclosed copy of Patent Office Form PTO/SB/08A. This publication was first cited in a Japanese Office action dated November 4, 2008 (copy attached) in the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of this publication, along with an English abstract and an English translation, is included herewith.

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